

T H E
TINCLARIAN DOCTOR'S
D R E A M
CONCERNING

Those LOCUSTS who hath come
out of the Smoke of the *Pit*, and
hath got Power to hurt all *Nations*.

W I T H
TEN *Reasons* why the *Prince* of this
World makes them hate his LIGHT.

A L S O,
A SERMON to the KING concerning
War, and his own Profession, with the
Professions of the rest of the WORLD,
especially the Earl of HINDFORD.

L I K E W I S E,
AN ANSWER to a BOOK printed this Year against Mr.
ERSKINE Minister in *Stirling*; and his *Summons* and
Charge of Horning for the Good of these LOCUSTS;
with the NEWS in the COUNTRY, and the NEWS
in EDINBURGH:

Which contains

A *Fearful*, and *Dreadful*, and *Terrible*, and *Wonderful* SPEECH,
all containing Great LIGHT. He that hath an
Ear to hear, may hear *It*; because the like of *It* was
never heard.

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DREAM, &c.

Dedicated, To His Majesty King GEORGE.

Great King, I have dedicated many Books to Your Majesty, altho' Your Majesty doth not hear them, as *Assa* the King heard that Prophet. He put him in Prison for preaching to him; Your Majesty doth not so with me.

O Lord God Almighty, bless and preserve our King, and all his Royal Family, for ever more, Amen, is the Prayers of
WILLIAM MITCHELL.



Y Text, *Matth. v. Chap. and 16th Verse,* Let your Light so shine before Men. From this Text I observe, That it is every Man's Duty, that hath either Grace, Gifts, or Money, to give them out to the World, that Men may be the better of them; and them who hath these, and doth it not, it is just that they should be taken from them, and given to them who will do it, as is plain in the Parable of the Man who hid his Talent in a Napkin; and for not improving it, he was cast into utter Darkness.

Hear I am to shew you why the World hates my Light, with the Reasons of it; it is the great End and Design of the God of this World, to keep his Possession in Peace; this he doth, by keeping the World from Light. My Light is hated both by the Devil and his Ministers, because

I disturb and disquiet their peaceable Possession. Saith Christ, *When a strong Man armed keepeth his Palace, his Goods are in Peace.* This he said to the Clergy, when they said of him, That he did cast out Devils by *Beelzebub* the Prince of Devils. These Words are against both Sense and Reason; no wise Man will disturb or disquiet against his own peaceable Possession; neither can it be supposed the Devil will do it: Say ye, how doth he keep and rule his Kingdom with so much Peace, when we are told, *That the Wages of Sin is Death?* Christ gives you the Reason of it, says he, *Every one that doth Evil, hateth the Light, neither cometh to the Light, lest his Deeds should be reproved.* From this we may observe, That it is the Devil's great Design to keep these Hirelings from Light; sometimes Light breaks in upon their Conscience against the Devil's Will; then he roars with Grief and Disquietments, and uses all his Power, either to make them avoid my Light or hate it: They cannot avoid my Light by their hearing of it, so the Devil makes them hate it, as was made plain in my last wonderful Book, tho' the like of it was never printed, yet these Hirelings would not receive it. The Reason of it is, Because the Devil doth what is in his Power to keep off from them all Reflections of Conscience of the Evil of their Practice; he knows that these Reflections would disquiet and disturb his peaceable Possession. He makes Use of his Power, by raising up in them Confidence, Security, and Presumption, by making them believe that the Gospel that they preach for Money, is the Gospel of Christ; and this helps them to believe it, by having so many Hearers: All the World wondered after the Beast.

Dare any of the hired Clergy take God to be their Witness, that their Cloaks are not Cloaks of Covetousness, as *Paul* did? Dare the Principal of our College do it? Such as he is brought up to approve of that Doctrine which makes most for their Profit, their Minds being corrupted by self-seeking Principles. This may persuade us, when there is any Contest for Doctrine, that Doctrine is approved of by such as he, that is gainful; so they dispute for it. Says *Paul* to them, *They suppose that Gain is Godliness.* He commands you to withdraw from all such Ministers; but it is not in your Power, for ye are bound up by God's Decrees, until his Word be fulfilled, as we
read,

Saith *read, That seeing, ye shall see, and not perceive, and hearing, ye shall hear, and not understand.*

One Reason why the Devil makes the hired Clergy hate my Light ; it is the same Reason that these Clergy hated the Light when Christ dwelt upon the Earth. Said they of him, *Hath any of the Rulers or Pharisees believed on him ? This Man knoweth not the Law, he is cursed.* I never was at Schools as to read the Bible, because of that they call me poor daft Fool-Body. Doth any of the College of Justice, or Magistrates believe him, or take Notice of what he says ? Christ gives you an Answer to this. Says he, *If any Man shall do his Will, he shall know of the Doctrine, he he learned or unlearned.* Ye hear he puts no Difference between the Principal of our College and me.

Another Reason why the Devil makes them hate my Light ; the Spirit tells you, *It is because they will not receive the Truth that they might be saved ; and for this Cause God hath sent them strong Delusions, that they are made to believe a Lie, that they all may be damned who will not obey the Truth.* It is a damnable Lie that the Gospel that they preach for Money is the Gospel of Christ. It is the Devil's Policy, in all Ages, to gilt Error for the Advantage of Money ; for which *Paul* calls Money the Root of all Evil. But such as I, who is poor, and writes for Conscience Sake, are accounted, by the World, the Off-scouring of the Earth, when, out of Pity and Compassion, I write for the good of Souls, by telling them their Errors. They hate him that rebuketh in the Gate, and they abhorre them who speeketh uprightly, as we read, as is fulfilled on me.

The Devil's Envy is in this ; he hinders and stops the poor Man's Light, because God hath chosen the Poor of this World, as we read, their Light is despised, and their Words are not heard. " His Devices is so deep, few knows them," says *Paul*. He was not ignorant of his Devices ; he that could dispute about the Body of *Moses*, where he was buried, that he might make the People worship his Bones ; he that could give a Stop of one and twenty Days, to the Angel that was to bring the News to *Daniel* of the hearing of his Prayer, he might more easily hinder and oppose the Success of my Light. He kept *Jeroboam* in his sinful Idolatry, that he stirred up *Amaziah*, the Devil's Priest, to banish the Prophet *Amos* from the Court, least his faithful Sermons

should awaken the King's Conscience, as that proud Lawyer would have me, because I disturb the Conscience of the Clergy.

Another Reason why the Devil keeps them and their Hearers from my Light; *When any heareth my Words, and understand them not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in their Hearts*, as we read. He catcheth all Opportunity, if he heareth any Thing spoken that is dangerous to his peaceable Possession; then he uses his Power both to make them avoid my Light and hate it, by his hindering them to lay it to their Hearts, or apply it to their Conscience.

Another Reason why the Devil makes these Hirelings hate my Light, is a great Reason; it is by his keeping them from that excellent Grace of Faith. Says Paul, *Above all, taking the Shield of Faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery Darts of the wicked*. Above all, the Devil's Envy is against this noble Grace; he knows that them who wants it shall be damned. These Hirelings will not believe that God is able to maintain them, except they have a fixed Stipend; for the Fear of Want, by and by they are offended at God's Word, saith Christ. The Love they have to the World keeps them from my Light, and also from Persecution. *All that will live godly shall suffer Persecution*; the Spirit doth not say *they may*, but he says *they shall*. The Devil makes the hired Clergy believe they shall have two Heavens, a Heaven here, and another to come; they are deceived, as they shall shortly find. These who hath chosen Sin before Sufferings, are the Ministers of the Devil, with a Witness, as was shortly proven in their Pulpets.

Another Reason why the Devil makes them hate my Light; it is by their being choaked with the Care of Riches, as the Seed sown among Thorns. They set their Hearts upon their Stipends, and will not obey God, as to pray for their daily Bread. They are so bewitched with the World, when any Light breaks in upon their Consciences, it is presently put out by the Deceitfulness of Riches.

Another Reason why the Devil makes them hate my Light; it is by their Hearers good Opinion of them, calling them God's Ministers. He makes them believe, if it

be a Sin to take Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel, is it not a little one, as Lot said to the Angels. Say they, Many godly Ministers hath done so, why may not we also? Saith Christ, at this present Time to you, *If I had not spoken to you, ye would have had some Excuse; but now ye have no Cloke for your Sins.* After ye have heard this terrible Sermon, ye shall have no Excuse. In Time of Ignorance, God winked; but now, he commands every one of you to repent of his Sin. If ye hold by your old Traditions, that *Constantine* the first Christian Emperor allowed you, and will not obey God's Word, ye shall suffer for it. God is not mocked. Whatsoever a Man soweth, that shall he also reap. Let no Man deceive you with vain Words; because of these Things cometh the Wrath of God upon you who is disobedient. If it had not been for these Hirelings Covetousness, it had been needless for the Spirit to have spoken these Words.

I exhort you, in the Name of the great God, not to be deceived, neither by Men nor Devils. Believe God's Word. He hath forbidden you to take Money for to preach his free Gospel. That Gospel that ye preach for Money, it is as surely the Gospel of the Devil, as the Scriptures are the Word of God. Say they, If it be a Sin in us to take Money for it, it is hidden from the World, otherwise they would not give it us. So says the Spirit of them, *We seek deep to hide our Counsel from the Lord, and our Works are in the Dark, and say, Who seeth us? Who knoweth us? We make Lies our Refuge, and under Falshoods we hide ourselves, saying, How doth God know? Can he judge through the dark Clouds? They are a Covering to him; he seeth not. When the overflowing Scourge shall come through, it shall not come nigh unto us; for we have made Lies our Refuge.* Reader, what think you of this Answer that Hirelings gives to God! Therefore, I take Instruments on their Consciences; and these Instruments that I have taken on Earth, shall be registrars in Heaven against them, to their eternal Damnation, except they repent of their Deeds.

Another Reason why the Devil keeps them from my Light, especially those who are young, or Students; it is the ordinary Time then when any Light breaks in upon their Conscience. Their Answer to God is, *We are young Men; it is Time enough for us to mind our Latter-end;* when

when once we have got Money to bring up our Family, then we will obey the Scriptures, and preach the Gospel of God freely, as *Paul* did. The contrary of this is plainly seen by the Principal of our College, and many such rich Gluttons. How hardly shall they that hath Riches enter into the Kingdom of God? It is easier for a Camel to go through the Eye of a Needle, than for these rich Clergy to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Saith Christ to such as he, at this present Time, *Go sell that thou hast, and give it to the Poor, and thou shalt have Treasure in Heaven.* But such as he will rather take their Treasure in Hell; he is so far from obeying God. He would not give me an Half-penny for my Light, for as poor as I am, for all the Riches he hath, his Heart being hardned. Says God, to all such as he, at this present Time, *To Day, and not To-morrow; to Day, while it is called to Day, harden not your Hearts; now is the accepted Time: Now is the Day of Salvation. Remember thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth, before the evil Day come; yea, return now.* These Scriptures shall witness against you, if ye make Delays. I must tell you, The longer ye keep your Kirks for Money, your Hearts will grow the harder, as is plain in *Pharao*, that hard hearted King. His Heart grew so hard, he went into the Sea, and was drowned, for all the great Miracles he had seen. Light brack in upon him sometimes, but it was soon put out.

Another Reason why the Devil makes them hate Light; it is by the Poorness of them who offers it to them, as is made plain in the poor blind Man we read of. Said the Clergy to him, *Thou wast altogether born in Sin, and dost thou teach us?* They did cast him out, so do these Hirelings cast out my Light. They are as Flies that I have seen upon sore Horse Backs; they passed by that which was sound, and lighted upon that which was sore. I have many Infirmities; they light upon these, but they pass by that which is sound in my Books. *Abab* the King hated the Prophet; and he said, *I hate him, for he never prophesies Good unto me.* My Light is hated by these Hirelings, because I never prophesy Good of them.

Another Reason why the Devil makes these Hirelings hate my Light; it is because of the evil Effects of Light, which is the Discovery and Manifestation that Light makes. Says the Spirit, *Whatsoever doth make manifest is Light.* The End

End of this Manifestation is Shame. Altho' it be the Daughter of Sin, yet it would, by Nature, destroy the Sin that bred it; so Repentance is expressed by being ashamed. The Devil, to avoid Shame, he turneth the Edge of it against my Light, which should be against Sin. A Thief when he is taken, he falls in the Hands of Shame. These Hirelings are ashamed to obey the Scriptures, because a poor Man desires them; for that they rebel against my Light. Christ tells you the Reason of it. Says he, *Lest their Deeds should be reprov'd.* Would it not be a great Shame to them to obey a poor Tinclear? Then they must bear their Shame, by Lies, and Excuses, and Pretences, as Adam and his Wife did. It is said, in hot Nations, Men curse the Sun, because he scorcheth them with his Heat; so doth many curse both me and my Light, when I offer it to them.

Another great Reason why the Devil makes these Locusts hate my Light; they think, if any should obey my Light, their Interests would be indangered by it, as is plain by what *Glen* the Locust said to me. When Interest is drawn in as a Party, it is easy to put all the Passions of a Man in Arms against my Light, and make open Rebellion against it. So says the Spirit, *The Kings of the Earth set themselves, and the Rulers take Counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying, Let us break their Bands and cast their Cords from us.* This great Quarrel is all for their own Interest. These Hirelings think, by setting up Christ on his Throne, it would dis-throne them. I believe it is true.

No Wonder then but they be offended with my Light. They have made long War with the Lamb; but the Lamb shall overcome them, as we read. Before they part with their Possession, they will set all the World by the Ears, as the *Revelations* makes plain. The Pretence of Interest made *Amaziab* a Priest like them, mad against the Prophet. Said he to the King, *Amos hath conspired against thee; the Land is not able to bear all his Words: So the King banished the Prophet from the Court.*

The Devil stirred up *Assa* the King against the Prophet. He had made a League with the King of Syria, for the Safety of his Kingdom. The Prophet came to him, and said to him, *Because thou reliest on that King, and not on the*
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Lord,

Lord, therefore the Host of the Syrians are escaped out of thy Hand. He gave to that King all the Gold and Silver that was in the House of the Lord, and all that was in his own House, to be in League with that King. He relied more on that King than he did upon the Lord. If he had relied upon God, as he did when the King of Israel fought against him, he needed not to have robbed God's House and his own. That Prophet gave the King a Sermon; I wish our King may take Notice of it, because it is now preached for him. Says he to the King, *Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubbims a budge Host of Ten hundred thousand Men? And, because thou didst rely on the Lord thy God, he delivered them unto thy Hand.* The Eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the whole Earth, to shew himself strong in the Behalf of them whose Heart is perfect towards him; herein thou hast done foolishly. This faithful Sermon put the King in a Rage against him. He puts him in Prison for comparing him to a Fool for so doing. The King took Disease in his Feet. His Disease was exceeding great; yet, in his Disease, he sought not the Lord, but to the Physicians. These Hirelings dare not tell the King his Faults for the Fear of Persecution, or that he take their Stipends from them; because of these, they dare not preach God's Mind. That Prophet's Sermon makes it plain, That any King who gives away his Money to the Enemies of God, to be at Peace with them, they do foolishly. This is a Caution to our King not to rely on any King, but on God only. I think it is a Sin in His Majesty to at Peace with that great Enemy of God and Man, the King of Spain.

If the King would give me that Money that he gives to the hired Clergy to blindfold the World, I would make Spain belong to Britain, as Ireland doth. So Solomon says, *Money answers all Things.* Such as the Principal of our College will not be content with this; such as he, prefers their own Interest before God's Glory. *When the Blind lead the Blind, they shall both fall in the Ditch.*

I do not read in all the Scriptures, that a Man is commanded to take Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel. If it is not written in the Book of God, Is it not as plain as *A, B, C,* That the Devil hath both blindfolded these Hirelings and their Hearers? It is him that keeps you from the Light. If they can prove that their Gospel they preach

for Money is the Gospel of Christ's, they have more Light than either I nor the Devil hath, who can, or dare answer me; not I, but the Spirit who dwelleth in me. We brag all the hired Clergy in the World to answer us according to the Scriptures. They can no more answer us, than the Clergy could answer the poor blind Man we read of. I have proven in my Books, That the hired Clergy are the Devil's Ministers, and they preach the Devil's Gospel; for that, *Paul* doubles their Curses, as we read. There is many a Curse upon these Hirelings Heads. They are ashamed to answer my Light, as Thieves are when they are taken, as I have taken them. Christ calls them both Thieves and Robbers. They are Thieves for stealing God's Word, as we read; and they are Robbers, by their climbing up to their Pulpits some other Way, and hath not come in at the Door, as we read. They are blind who doth not see this. I hear they bark as Dogs at these honest Men who hath come out of *Babylon*, and preaches the Gospel of God freely, as *Paul* did, by drawing away their Hearers, and the Loss of their Offering to the Poor, not that they care for the Poor more than *Judas* did. For all the Light I have, I know not the Difference that is between them and *Judas*; only they are living: He sold his Master for Money, and they have done the same. It is only for their own Interests that they preach their Gospel.

Babylon is now to fall; there is a Part of her fallen already. There are some Ministers hath a Desire to be out of her; but, the Devil having so much Power over them, he hath teathered them to their Kirks for another Year. If God were not merciful, they would not see the End of the Year. There are no other called *Babylon*, but only the hired Clergy. Saith Christ, *The Hirelings careth not for the Sheep*. We read, That they have made all Nations drink of the Wine of the Wrath of her Fornication. They are blind who doth not see this through all Nations. The Protestants believes, That it is the *Roman Church* that is the Whore. Ye must know, That the Protestants are alik guilty with the *Popish*. So says the Spirit, *He bath deceivd them that bath the Mark of the Beast, as he bath the Beast himself*. The Spirit puts no Difference between the Protestants and the *Popish*. We read, *That both of them shall be cast to a Lake of Fire, burning with Brimstone*. This Scrip

makes it plain, That both these Churches shall suffer alike Torment. As the Popish is the Beast, the Protestants hath his Mark and Image. Why then should they not suffer alike Torment with the Beast, seeing they have his Mark, and worships his Image ! Both of them takes Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel ; and that Money they take for preaching, is the Mark and Image of the Beast : There is no other so called in the Scriptures.

I say, all that hears this dreadful Sermon, that takes any more Money, by the Laws of Men, for preaching Christ's free Gospel, shall be cast into the Lake of Fire : They may depend upon it, except they repent of their Deeds. Ye may believe it, because there was much of this Sermon came in my Mind in my Sleep. I know these Hirelings will be angry at this great Light. So we read, *And the Nations were angry.* He is now to come, and destroy them who destroy the Earth. *And there came out of the Smoke, Locusts upon the Earth, and unto them was given Power to hurt Men.* There is no other so called, but only the hired Clergy. *And the ten Horns which thou sawest are ten Kings which have received no Kingdom as yet, but receive Power as Kings.* When the Revelation was written, the hired Clergy had no Power as yet ; but receive Power as Kings. Both Kings and Rulers have one Mind, and shall give their Power and Strength unto the Beast. This makes it plain, That it is not God that gives these Hirelings their Power ; but it is the Devil who commands Kings and Rulers to give them their Power, and also, their Stipends. It is ordained so to be, until God's Word be fulfilled. The hired Clergy is that great City we read of, that reigneth over the Kings of the Earth ; their Power is now above Kings.

I want Money to enlarge this Sermon. I close with Application to the hired Clergy in Scotland. *He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear.* I am sent with a Commission to the World, to go and proclaim these Words towards the North, and say, *Return backslidden Church, and I will not use mine Anger to fall upon you ; only acknowledge thine Iniquity that thou hast transgressed against the Lord.* Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, to you hired Clergy in Scotland, at this present Time, *Amend your Ways and Doings, and I will cause to dwell in this Place.* *Trust not in lying Words, saying, The Temple*

Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord are these. The Spirit repeats these Words three Times, to make you know that they are deceived; and that ye may believe, that these Temples the hired Clergy preacheth in are not the Temples of the Lord. He calls them lying Words. Yet their Worshipers will call them true. Will ye make God a Liar, you hired Clergy? Trust not if lying Words. As true as the Scriptures are the Word on God, they are not his Temples. Now ye have got fair Warning; if ye be damned for your Unbelief, I do not bleam God for it. This Scripture makes it plain, if they will acknowledge their Iniquities, and mend their Ways and Doings, God shall have Mercy upon them, for as long they have backslidden.

And, if they will not, here their Sentence that shall surely come upon them, *Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall know whose Words shall stand, my Words or your Words; and this shall be a Sign unto you, saith the Lord, That I will punish you in this Place, that ye may know that my Words shall surely stand against you for Evil.* These Words may make all the hired Clergy in the World to tremble. Surely the Lord God will do nothing; but he revealeth his Secrets unto his Servants the Prophets, as we read.

In this Sermon, I have obeyed my Text, by letting my Light so shine before Men. *Let your Light so shine before Men, that they may see your good Works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.* Doth the hired Clergy glorify God, when they will not trust him for their daily Bread? They live by Sense, and not by Faith. It is written, *The Just shall live by his Faith.* Can these be the Ministers of Christ, who will not trust him for their Meat? None but Mad-men will believe it. Are they able to trust God for their Souls, when they are not able to trust him for their Meat? Before they be placed in Kirks, they must have security for their Meat, otherwise the Kirks may stand waste for them. Before they fast, they will obey the Devil, as to command Stones to be Bread. *Their Belly is their God, says Paul.* It is plain, that they rely on Men, and not on God; by this he loseth the Glory that is due unto his Name. How dare they command their Hearers to believe, when they do not believe themselves? They may be ashamed to mount a Pulpit. The Devil gives them so much

much Confidence, that they rebel against Christ, and will not obey him, as to take the Beam out of their own Eyes, that they might see to take the Mote out of their Neighbours. Says he, *They lade Men with heavy Burdens ; but they themselves touch them not with one of their Fingers.* He commands us, *To be aware of such Ministers who hath come to us in Sheeps Clothing, but inwardly are ravening Wolves.* Saith he, *We shall know them by their Fruit.* The Devil having so much Power over Kings and Rulers, they cannot know them ; but I know them, by that Money they take for preaching a free Gospel, that they are the Ministers of the Devil, with a Witness.

Say ye, How should they live if they have not fixed Stipends ? I say, there shall be as much given at the Kirk-Doors as they may live upon. The better they preach, the more they will have. Then God shall bless their Sermons, for the Good of their Hearers. They shall never be blessed as they are, ye may depend upon it. Say ye, that Money belongs to the Poor. I say, them who hath free Land in the Parish may allow a Penny of a Shilling to the Poor. Says *Moses, We shall have the Poor always with us.* Them who hath Riches, and not free Land in the Parish, God shall open their Hearts, and give to the Poor ; then we shall all live well in the Fear of God. *Amen.*

I fear, my Light will be despised, and my Words not heard. So *Solomon* hath said it. The Scriptures cannot be broken. If the King make me rich, as he hath made the hired Clergy to blindfold the World, my Words shall be heard as their Words are ; then my Books shall sell as their Sermons doth. They are so despised by Reason of my Poverty, many who buys them doth not read them. If *Walpole* had written them, they would have read them.

Say ye, Of what Profession am I ? I am an Independent ; I depend upon no Church ; I depend only upon the Word of God. I depend not on the *Scots Church*, because they depend upon Money : *Paul* calls it *the Root of all Evil.* I say, the Love of Money is worse than the Devil ; because it is a continued Temptation ; but the Devil leaves Men for a Season, as is plain the Devil left Christ for a season. O foolish Presbyterian Ministers ! who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the Truth ! I marvel with *Paul*, That ye have removed from him that

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called you into the Grace of Christ into another Gospel. The Spirit is now speaking to them, and not to the *Galatians*; the Scriptures are written for the Living, and not for the Dead. But this ignorant Clergy preaches and lectures as if they were speaking of the Dead. The Devil hath so much Power over them, he hinders them to apply the Scriptures to themselves.

I depend not on the *English Church*, because they depend upon the Devil; which is plain by making and ordaining Men Churches for to preach his Gospel for Money. Christ hath no other Gospel but that which is free; as his Grace is free, so is his Gospel; they cannot be divided and live, no more than the Harlot's Child could, if King Solomon had divided it. What good can these Hirelings Gospel do, when it is divided from free Grace?

I depend not on the *Roman Church*, because they depend upon the Devil; which is plain by making his Ministers bow to worship his Images, which I saw in their Churches in *France*.

I depend not on the *Quakers Church*, because they depend upon their Spirits, which is the Spirit of the Devil, as is plain by what *Erskine* the Minister said to me, *That he preferred his Spirit above the Scriptures*; it is Blasphemy to think that his Spirit is above God. This makes it plain that the Devil is in the *Quakers*, by making them so proud, that they will not lift their Hatts to the King; *David* was a Man after God's own Heart, he bowed himself to the Ground to the King. This makes it plain, that *Quakers* are Men after the Devil's own Heart. If we love God, we would love his Word. We read, *That the Word was God*; them who hath no Delight in his Word, hath no Delight in himself; I say, them who doth not read a Part of them every Day, when in Health, they have no Love to God; his Word should be minded before the Tea.

By what hath been said, ye may clearly see that the World is blindfolded by its God; yet every one of these Churches say they see; so says Christ, *For Judgment I am come to this World, that they which see not might see, and them which see might be made blind*; and some of the Pharisees said unto him, *Are we blind also?* Jesus said unto them, *If ye were blind ye would have no Sin; but now ye say we see, therefore your Sin remaineth.* This makes it plain,

so long as these Hirelings takes Money for to preach Christ's free Gospel, they are blind, and their Sin remaineth by their saying they see. The World is blind who doth not see Christ, which should lighten every Man that cometh to the World. If these Hirelings could see this great Light, they would keep his Word, but they do it not. O that they could preach like that poor blind Man we read of! *Now we know*, says he, *that God heareth not Sinners; but if any Man be a Worshiper of God, and doth his Will, him he heareth.* These Hirelings should chuse that Man's Sermon for their Text, then their Eyes might be opened, as his was, and see the Light. This is their Condemnation, *That Light is come into the World, but they love Darknes rather than Light*, the Reason of it, saith Christ, *Because their Deeds are Evil.*

It is the Devil that keeps the World from Christ, which is the Light of the World, *John 8th Chap. Other Foundations can no Man lay than that which is Christ Jesus*, says *Paul*. They are blind who doth not see the hired Clergy to be that Beast who hath risen up out of the Sea, having seven Heads and ten Horns, and, upon his Horns, ten Crowns. Ye hear of the great Power of the hired Clergy; their Power is above Kings; they have not so many Crowns nor Horns; they should all have Horns upon their Heads, that the World might see and know them to be the Whore of *Babylon*. I have made it plain, in my Books, that they have made a Cuckold of the true and free Gospel, and upon their Heads they have the Name of Blasphemy. May not this fear the World to hear these blasphemous Monsters preach? If the Devil had not blindfolded you ye would not hear them. As true as the Scriptures are the Word of God, as true it is that the hired Clergy is that Beast and that Whore; and those Locusts we read of. It is them who hath come out of the Smoke of the Pit, and hath got Power to hurt all Nations; if ye would search the *Revelations*, as ye are commanded, ye might know them.

It is the Devil that hath given them the Power to preach. So says the Spirit, *And they worshiped the Dragon who gave Power unto the Beast, saying, Who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make War with him?* No King is able to make
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War with the hired Clergy. This Scripture makes it plain, That the God of this World hath deceived all Nations; ye cannot win out of *Babylon* until God's Word be fulfilled, as we read; I may write my self blind before ye come out of her, until that Time come. So says the Spirit to you Reader, *Come out of her, my People, and be ye not a Partaker of her Sins, that ye receive not of her Plagues; her Sins hath now reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembered her Iniquities.*

These Locusts who hath come out of the Smoke of the Pit this Year to their Assembly, when I offered them my Light, when they saw my Name upon the Title Page of my Books, it feared them, as Light doth Thieves, as they are; they fled from my Light, and went to the Smoke of the Pit where they came out. It is now made plain, that they are the Ministers of *Satan*, by their choosing them to be their Moderator who hath read his Act in their Pulpits; in God's Assembly, God doth stand; and in the Devil's Assembly, the Devil doth stand.

The Earl of *Hindjoord* will think himself happy, that he had the Honour to be the Overseer of these Locusts; it is said, *Draff* is good enough for Swine. I went to him, to give him Light, with some of my Books; he would have none of them; *Solomon* says, *Fools hate Knowledge.* O that he had the Knowledge of the Hangman in *Perih*! he gave me a Penny for my Light; but he would give me neither Meat nor Drink, nor an Halfpenny to buy it with. It is my Trade to cast my Pearls before Swine; I am forbidden to do it; I know no better; he shall never have the Offer of my Light from me, because I am forbidden to give that which is holy unto Dogs. All the Commissioners that hath been set over these Locusts these thirty Years, since the Spirit moved me to give Light to the Clergy, gave me something for my Light, but he would not, altho' he had ten Footmen, two more than the rest. His Name must stand in my Testament, as *Lot's* Wife stands in *Moses*.

As the Kingdom of *Israel* was divided in *Rehoboam's* Time, so shall the hired Clergy's Kingdom be divided in his Time; when *Satan* is divided against himself, his Kingdom cannot stand. He had many young Locusts Counsellors to him, as *Rehoboam* had. It is plain, *That he hath ordained him Priests for the high Places, and for Devils,*

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as *Rehoboam* did. I being old, he will have none of my Counsel, but hath taken the young Mens, as he did; his Heart shall die within him as a Stone, as *Nabal's* did. I was hungry that Day I went to him, as *David* the King was when he went to *Nabal*, *Nabal* would give him nothing, neither would he give me; if he had given me an Half-penny to bought Tobacco, it would served me for my Breakfast.

I observe, above all the Sins in the World, *Christ* takes Notice of this Sin, the Want of Charity. So he says, *On the last Day I was hungry, and ye gave me no Meat, and thirsty, and ye gave me no Drink*; such as he should read the 25th of *Matthew*.

The News; there is a Locust hath come out of the Smoke of the Pit this Year, and hath printed a Book against Mr *Erskine* Minister in *Stirling*, with great Errors; he hath chosen the Devil's Words for his Text, the Words are, *Why hast thou disquieted me?* 1st *Sam.* 28th Chap. Both him and the Devil are offended with Mr. *Erskine* for disquieting their peaceable Possession; the Devil hath hindered him to put his Name to it; I have no Time to answer all his Errors, I observe he is an ignorant Ass; he hath not the Wit of *Balaam's* Ass. I shall answer one Error in his Book among many; indeed, says he, *I find no where in Scripture that an unqualified Sinner is invited to come to Christ*. Him and his Books should be burnt, it is only the Way to be qualified to come to him; we shall never be qualified otherwise. The Devil hath made him both blind and deaf; he can neither see nor hear God's Proclamation, that is, at this present Time, crying through the World, with a *Ho, Ho* every one come to the Market, and buy without Money, and without Price, that is, without good Works, or good Qualifications. Had *Zacheus* or *Paul* any good Works when *Christ* invited them? *Paul* was so far from these, in the mean Time that he was fighting against *Christ*, he invited him to come. He came not to call the Righteous, but he came to call Sinners to Repentance. These Locusts thinks it is sound Doctrine, otherways they would burn his Books at the Cross.

This makes it plain, That they are *Baal's* Priests, with a Witness. We must mock them, as *Elijah* the Prophet mocked them. Said he to them, *Cry aloud; he is a God. Either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a Journey*; or

he sleepeeth, and must be awakned, They did so. They cried, and cut themselves with Knives and Lances, until the Blood gushed out upon them. We give these hired Clergy Summons to answer my Books according to the Scriptures. If they cannot, we give them a Charge of Horning to cut themselves with Knives and Lances, until the Blood gush out upon them. If none of them be capable to do it, they should all go the Way of these Four hundred and fifty of Baals Priests. The Devil had not Power to answer them; neither hath he nor his Ministers Power to answer my Books.

The News in this City. It is said, That the Lord Provost had a Mind to take Five hundred Merks a Year off the Locusts Stipends for the Use of the Poor. Says the Spirit of him, *Blessed is he that considereth the Poor; the Lord will deliver him in Time of Trouble; the Lord shall preserve him; he shall be blessed upon the Earth.* But it was not in his Power. The Whore is too strong for him, as my Wife is for me. The Strength of a Whore was the Death of strong Samson. The Strength of a Whore had the Occasion of the Death of Sixty and five thousand of the Israelites. She was a Levite's Concubine; she plaid the Whore against her Husband, as the hired Clergy doth against Christ. That Levite cut his Concubine in twelve Pieces, and sent her through all the Coasts of Israel. All the hired Clergy should be cut in twelve Pieces, and sent through all the Coasts in Scotland. Says the Spirit, at this present Time to you, *Consider it, and take Advice, and speak your Minds.* This is my Mind; what is yours? As that Whore had the Occasion of the Death of many Thousands, so the hired Clergy hath the Cause of the Death of many Millions. That Scripture is written for a Caution to them, and for their Instruction. The Spirit hath another Design than to write it for that Whore, as is plain by his commanding us to consider it, and take Advice, and speak our Minds. Ye hear we are concerned to know the Meaning of this Scripture; there is not one Word in the Scriptures, but what it is of Use to us, if we had Light to understand them. Says the Spirit, *The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the Soul; the Testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the Simple; the Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the Heart; the Commandments of the Lord are pure, enlightening*

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lightning the Eyes. These Hirelings Eyes hath great Need to be enlightned. This brings me to my Text, Let your Light so shine before Men.

Who of all the Wise-men in Scotland can interpret my Dream? And he sent and called for all the Magicians of Egypt, and all the Wise-men thereof, and Pharaoh told them his Dreams; but there was none of them that could interpret them to Pharaoh. Then spake the Chief Butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my Faults this Day. O that the hired Clergy would remember their Faults this Day, and preach the Gospel of CHRIST freely. As Pharaoh's Dreams came to pass, so shall mine in a short Time.

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